

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MODIFICATION OF MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
REGARDING FOREVER PRINT-ON-DEMAND INDICIA

Docket No. MC2012-10

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
COMMENTS OF PITNEY BOWES INC.
(April 3, 2012)

The United States Postal Service hereby responds to the Comments of Pitney Bowes Inc. (Pitney Bowes), filed on March 30, 2012. The Postal Service appreciates the general support offered by these comments for the Mail Classification Schedule change allowing the Postal Service to offer Forever Print-on-Demand indicia at its Automated Postal Centers (APCs). However, the Postal Service does not agree with Pitney Bowes' proposal to expand, at this time, the availability of Forever Print-on-Demand indicia to other alternate retail access channels, including postage meters, PC postage, self-service kiosks, and customized postage. Comments of Pitney Bowes Inc. at 2. Expanding the offering of Forever Print-on-Demand indicia from the Postal Service to commercial providers raises issues that the Postal Service needs more time to evaluate. Moreover, in this case, the Governors of the Postal Service have exercised their authority to establish the contours of the classification language. The MCS change in the Postal Service's March 12 Notice is a limited first step that should not be expanded at this time. In the Postal Service's view, the change, as proposed, is consistent with the procedures and policies embodied in the statutory scheme.

Respectfully submitted,

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